



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: GUMASTE, Ashwin  
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Group Art Unit: 2633  
Examiner: Nathan M. Curs  
Title: *Interconnection Nodes in an Optical  
Communication System*

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests  
the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following comments.